

House Resolution No. 2985

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State communities and neighborhoods which gather together in order to honor their most illustrious citizens; and

Whereas, on June 6, 2003, the officials and residents of Kearney, Missouri, will hold a commemorative ceremony to rename the city's North Park as the Mack A. Porter Park; and

Whereas, a noted local philanthropist and community leader, Mack Porter donated five acres of property on the southern end of North Park to provide expanded opportunity for improvements to the recreational facility; and

Whereas, for many years Mack Porter has been noted for tireless commitment to the area through such venues as the Kearney R-I School District Board; Clay County Parks Board, which he served as President; Mid-Continent Public Library Board; and Smithville Hospital Board; and

Whereas, during his illustrious tenure as the Clay County Parks Board President, Mack Porter helped usher into the public domain such excellent parks as Tryst Falls, Rocky Hollow, the Jesse James Home, and the Smithville Lake park system and golf course; and

Whereas, Mack Porter has attained considerable distinction as an advocate for youth sports and a sponsor of many events which recognize Kearney athletic programs and their participants; and

Whereas, the renaming of North Park in honor of Mack Porter was officially approved by the Kearney Board of Aldermen on June 3, 2002; and

Whereas, the public dedication of Mack A. Porter Park on June 6, 2003, will appropriately involve the playing of KHRA league games, recognition of all the individuals involved in recent improvements to park facilities, and such traditional ballpark refreshments as hot dogs, chips, and soft drinks:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the renaming of North Park to the Mack A. Porter Park in light of its namesake's impressive record of public service and community volunteerism and to convey this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for a highly successful ceremony on June 6, 2003; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Mack A. Porter of Kearney, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Doug Ervin
District No. 35

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2985, adopted May 16, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker